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PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SECOND SESSION OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMMODITIES

1. Election of officers

2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

3. Situation and prospects for commodities

   Identification and analysis of factors affecting commodity markets with a view, inter alia, to reducing distortions

4. Contribution to the improvement of the functioning of commodity markets

   Analysis of ways of improving the efficiency and use of existing mechanisms for the management of risks arising from commodity price fluctuations

5. Compensatory financing mechanisms

   Analysis of problems stemming from commodity-related export earnings shortfalls of developing countries and review of developments in the field of compensatory financing of export earnings shortfalls

6. Reducing excessive dependence on primary commodities

   Analysis of national experiences in horizontal and vertical diversification, including the possibilities for crop substitution

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7. Fostering sustainable development in the commodity field

   Analysis of national experiences in the management of natural resources with regard to commodity production

8. Technical cooperation in the field of commodities

   Identification for consideration of areas in which technical cooperation should be strengthened

9. Reports of the subsidiary organs of the Standing Committee

10. Provisional agenda for the third session of the Standing Committee

11. Other business

12. Adoption of the report of the Standing Committee to the Trade and Development Board.